

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

JAIME MEJIA,  
 Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD ARAGONA, *et al.*,  
 Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01593-JAD-NJK

**Order**

[Docket No. 9]

Pending before the Court is the parties' stipulation to extend discovery deadlines by 90 days. Docket No. 9.

A request to extend unexpired deadlines in the scheduling order must be premised on a showing of good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4); Local Rule 26-3. The good cause analysis turns on whether the subject deadlines cannot reasonably be met despite the exercise of diligence.<sup>1</sup> *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992). Settlement discussions are a common aspect of federal litigation and it is well-settled that the existence of such discussions is not good cause to modify the scheduling order. *Williams v. James River Grp. Inc.*, 627 F. Supp. 3d 1172, 1181 (D. Nev. 2022) (collecting cases). Nonetheless, relief may be afforded in appropriate cases when, *inter alia*, a firm mediation date is set in the near term, avoiding costs in the interim is likely to foster resolution at the mediation, and resolution at the mediation is likely. *See id.* at 1181 n.8

Here, the parties seek relief based on a mediation scheduled for February 19, 2025. Docket No. 9 at 1. However, the stipulation fails to explain why that circumstance justifies a three-month

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<sup>1</sup> The parties' recitation of discovery completed does not include the dates on which they completed the specific discovery. As a result, the Court cannot make a finding as to whether the parties were diligent through the entire discovery period. Any future stipulation must include these dates.

1 extension of deadlines. Such an extension appears excessive on its face in relation to the  
2 circumstance identified.

3 The Court finds that good cause has been established for a 30-day extension of the current  
4 deadlines. Accordingly, the stipulation to extend is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part.  
5 Docket No. 9. The Court **ORDERS** the parties to file, no later than February 21, 2025, a joint  
6 status report regarding the results of the mediation.

7 Deadlines are **RESET** as follows:

- 8 • Discovery cutoff: March 26, 2025
- 9 • Dispositive motions: April 25, 2025
- 10 • Joint proposed pretrial order: May 26, 2025, or 30 days after resolution of  
11 dispositive motions

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: January 10, 2025

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17 United States Magistrate Judge  
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